



BY THE
Lords Justices
AND
COUNCIL;
A
PROCLAMATION.

Montrath. Drogheda.

WE HEREAFORE have Received Information that Great Quantities of Corn and Grain have been lately Exported out of the Ports of Londonderry, Belfast, Carrickfergus, Coleraine, Strangford and Donaghadee, to Parts beyond the Seas; By Reason whereof the price of Grain is very much Raised in the several Counties of Londonderry, Down and Antrim, Adjacent to the said several Ports. And unless some stop be put to the future Exportation thereof from the said Ports, a great Scarcity and Dearth of Corn is like to Ensur in the said Counties, and thereby the poorer sort of Inhabitants in the same may be in Danger of Perishing. For prevention whereof, We have thought fit by this Our Proclamation, and We do hereby strictly Inhibit and Forbid the Exportation of all manner of Corn and Grain whatsoever out of the said Ports, or any of them, to any parts beyond the Seas, from the Nineteenth Day of this Instant January, untill the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, next Ensuing. And We do hereby Charge and Require that no Person or Persons whatsoever do presume to Act Contrary to this

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THIS Our Proclamation, under pain of being proceeded against for the same according to Law: And if any Person or Persons shall presume to Attempt Exporting any Corn or Grain out of any the said Ports, to any Parts beyond the Seas, within the time above limited: His Majesties Collectors, Surveyors, and all other Officers concerned in the several Custom-houses of the Ports aforesaid, are strictly Charged and Com-manded not to permit the same to be Shipped or Exported out of the same, but to stop the same in the said several Ports, till they have signified the same to Us the Lords Justices, or other the Chief Governour or Governours of this Kingdom, for the time being, and Council, and Received their further Directions therein. And all Mayors, Sheriffs, Justices of Peace, and other Magistrates within the said Ports, are hereby Com-manded and Required to be Aiding and Assisting to the said Officers of His Majesties Customs, in the said Ports, in the Execution of this Our Proclamation: And also to put the Laws now in force in this Kingdom in strict and Due Execution against all such Persons, as in Violation of the same, have any way been Instrumental in Occasioning such Scarcity in the said Counties of Londonderry, Downe, and Antrim, by Forestalling, Regrating, Ingrossing, or any other Unlawful and Pernicious Practice, as they will Answer the Contrary at their peril.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Dublin*, the 12th. Day of *January*, 1696.

*Rob. Fitz-Gerald. P. Savage. W^m. Wolfeley. Rob^t. Doyne,
Tho. Keightly. Tho. Brodrick.*

God Save the King.

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